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Minutes of Convention

By the Secretary

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Western South Dakota Stock Growers Association was held at Hot Springs, Monday and Tuesday, April 10 and 11, 1916. What a privilege to the rising generation and particularly those raised in eastern states to meet and touch hands with these sturdy and sterling but fast disappearing characters who pioneered this portion of the middle west, made railroads and civilization possible and are today the same free, loyal and patriotic citizens as of yore.

While many of the following have been honored in state and national affairs they retain their individuality and are known to their friends as Jimmy Craik, Charlie Coffee, Charlie Lee, Lee Humphrey, Ed Stenger, Shorty West, Harry Brindley, Tom Jones, Billy Borst, Ben Ash, Jack Hale, Hank Simmons, John Hart, Jack Daicy, Frank Stewart, John Brennan, Dick Stirks and many others.

Neither advanced civilization and customs, the accumulation of hard earned fortunes nor the grey hairs caused by hardships and exposure can change the sunny disposition and genuine friendship of these old timers. During the meeting were overheard discussions and reminiscences of twenty-five, thirty and even forty years ago when these selfsame men stood side by side and defended their insignificant worldly possessions from attacks of the now peaceable and civilized Indian tribes.

The attendance at this meeting was about 2,000, of which about 400 were stockmen. The affairs of the organization are in good financial condition and there is every indication of a large increase in membership for the ensuing year. The following officers were elected and the report of the secretary-treasurer, as given below, was unanimously adopted.

Executive Committee

Jas. T. Craig, president, Belle Fourche, South Dakota; A. Johnson, Farland, North Dakota; A. L. Martin, Sentinel Butte, North Dakota; William Borst, Pierre, South Dakota; I. M. Humphrey, Rapid City, South Dakota; Wm. H. Reed, Wasta, South Dakota; C. F. Coffee, Chadron, Nebraska; Thomas Jones, Midland, South Dakota; J. L. Driskill, Sr., Spearfish, South Dakota; Jno. R. Brennan, Pine Ridge, South Dakota; Charles Ham, vice president, Piedmont, South Dakota; F. R. Tommyhawk, Bullhead, South Dakota; T. Keffeler, Mikkelson, North Dakota;

E. Anderson, Eagle Butte, South Dakota; Edward Stenger, Hermosa, South Dakota; Fred H. Sears, Belvidere, South Dakota; J. D. Hale, Sturgis, South Dakota; H. P. Simmons, Manderson, South Dakota; E. A. Jackson, Dallas, South Dakota; F. M. Stewart, secretary-treasurer, Buffalo Gap, South Dakota.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Hot Springs, South Dakota, April 10, 1916.—To the members of the Western South Dakota Stock Growers Association.

Gentlemen: The twenty-fifth annual meeting of your organization must recall to the minds of some of those present, the congregating of a

Messrs. Godard, Howard, Dawson and Craig; five vice presidents, Messrs. Fred Holcome, Jno. D. Stevens, Dawson, Craig and Ham. The latter held the same office in the temporary organization twenty-five years ago. But one secretary-treasurer has ever served you.

During the life time of the organization almost \$10,000,000 worth of cattle have been recovered for our members at the market points. This work was done at a cost of about \$100,000, while \$50,000 was expended in range detective work and precautions. Your interests have been represented and safeguarded in the state legislatures, before the depart-

Hot Spring Round-Up

By the Editor

To one accustomed to attending the annual conventions of the Nebraska Stock Growers Association at Alliance it was impossible to not make comparisons when attending the twenty-fifth annual convention of the Western South Dakota Stock Growers Association, held at Hot Springs, on the 10th and 11th of this month. Except for the fact that the attendance at the South Dakota convention was not as large and the sports program not as extensive as at Alliance, the conventions were quite similar.

South Dakota ranchmen, as well as those in Nebraska, are a fine lot to meet. And the people of Hot Springs, accustomed to entertaining visitors, seemed to make an extra effort on this occasion to show their hospitality. The system with which the business of the association and executive committee meetings was transacted is worthy of special mention.

Commission Men Present

Both Omaha and Sioux City live stock markets were well represented by a Pullman car load of boosters from each place. The Sioux City crowd made good use of the opportunity to advertise their stock and feeder show to be put on next fall, and the South Omaha men gave out information regarding their market, the second largest in the United States in the number of head of live stock handled.

Following is a list of the names of those present from each of the two places:

The Omaha Delegation

E. Buckingham, vice president, general manager, Union Stock Yards; Jas. Burns, cattle salesman, L. E. Roberts & Co.; E. W. Cahow, vice president, Great Western Commission Co.; Fred Castle, proprietor Castle Hotel; Fred W. Clarke, president, Nebraska National Bank; J. F. Coad, Jr., president, Packers National Bank; F. L. Crone, cattle salesman, Rosenbaum Bros. & Co.; T. J. Donahue, president and cattle salesman, Donahue-Randall & Co.; A. H. Dudley, cattle salesman, Allen Dudley & Co.; Oscar Daugherty, brand inspector; F. Enderon, assistant cashier, Stock Yards National Bank; W. H. Haime, salesman, Wood Bros.; Ralph Jennings, superintendent, Fremont Stock Yards; R. F. Marcy, manager, Farris-Marcy Co.; Geo. N. Neff, president, Journal Stockman Publishing Co.; Albert Noe, cattle salesman.



STREET SCENE ON A BUSY DAY IN ALLIANCE

The Stockmen's Convention is to be held here in June. Are you preparing to attend this meeting? You are welcome

few stockmen at the court house at Rapid City, on February 20, 1892, at which time a temporary organization was perfected which was made permanent on April 6, of that year. The growth of the Association was gradual and increased from thirty-six members in 1892 to 677 in 1902 and an average of between 500 and 600 was continued until 1909 when the influx of settlers rendered impossible a continuation of the range stock business except on a very small scale. We had 157 listed members in 1915.

The history of the organization is somewhat remarkable from the fact that there has never been two persons named for an office and the roll has never been called in an election. You have had but four presidents,

ment of agriculture, public lands commission, commissioner of Indian affairs, inter-state commerce commission and other branches of the federal government and has held membership in the American National Live Stock Association since its inception.

There are many conditions which are responsible for the depreciation in our membership, herd law, the settlement of the range, several succeeding years of drouth, the compulsory increase in the assessment on horses and cattle in 1912 and last but by far the most fatal is the gratuitous protection which our inspectors have with the sanction of our officers been giving to non-members. In explanation of this feature will

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Scenes on the Famous Everett Eldred Ranch, Thirty Miles Southeast of Alliance, in the Finest Cattle Country in the World, the Nebraska Sandhills

